

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

PROBATE COURT

PROCEDURE BULLETIN 14

RELATIVE TO: Records of Hearings

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Ideally, a monitored record should be made of all proceedings held in the courtroom. However, recognizing that staffing and equipment requirements will often not permit this practice, all Probate Courts, at a minimum:

1. Must create a record for the following cases:
 - a. Involuntary Commitments pursuant to RSA 135-C:43 and RSA 171-B:10;
and
 - b. Hearings in which a record is requested by a party ten (10) days in advance of the hearing pursuant to Probate Court Rule 78-A.
2. Should endeavor to create a record for the following cases:
 - a. Surrender of parental rights;
 - b. Termination of parental rights;
 - c. Any contested hearing;
 - d. Any hearing held on an ex-parte basis, without notice to the opposing party or counsel.
 - e. Hearings in which a record is requested by a party less than ten (10) days in advance of the hearing.
 - f. Temporary Restraining Orders pursuant to Probate Court Rule 161(a).

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